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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

H. Q. C. B. Station 8299/20

REPORT

Date AUGUST 18, 1938

Subject: ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D.S.I. PRYDE

Forwarded by D. I. BLOVER.

Sir,

At 2.30 p.m. 18.7.38 Sgt. Major Marita of the Japanese Military Police requested assistance to search the home of a Chinese prisoner named Tseu Wei Wo, who had been arrested in Chapei for anti-Japanese activities.

Assistance was rendered by D.S.I.s Pryde and Soong Ping Sung of C.B.H.Q.(C.1), D.C.s Yamahara and Sameshima of the S.P.O. and D.I. Boddy of Sinza Station. The prisoner then led this party to 1534 Sinza Road which proved to be in B'Well Dist. A room on the 1st floor which was previously occupied by this prisoner was searched, and two letters seized. Translations attached.

B'Well Station was notified immediately after the search had taken place.

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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*D. S. Pryde*  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Subject..... TRANSLATION OF THE DRAFT OF A LETTER.

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To the Japanese Gendarmerie in Shanghai :

The undersigned, Tseu Yueh Sai, begs to ask for a thorough investigation on behalf of my son, Tseu Ming Woo :-

Tseu Ming Woo, aged 30 years, native of Zien Jao Village, Wusieh, received his education at a primary school during his early years. He came to Shanghai at the age of 17 and became employed as a "boy" by a foreigner who lived in a white building. When he was 21 years old, he obtained a job as a "boy" at the Blue Bird Cabaret, North Szechuen Road, through the introduction of one of my friends. He has been employed in this position for about 9 years and during his employment he was liked by both the master and mistress and eventually promoted to a higher position. This, however, incurred the jealousy of his fellow-workers, who invented false stories against him in order to cause his dismissal from this job.

In view of the fact that my son supports a family of seven, the undersigned earnestly requests that further enquiries be made into this case. The owner of the Blue Bird Cabaret can prove the veracity of my statement.

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A notice circulated to members of the  
Wusieh Guild, reporting on the establishing of  
a hospital (Wei An), N. Honan & Elgin Roads,  
giving free treatment for the poor.

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suspicion of being members of a Chinese Mobile Unit. 2nd Lieut. Yoshida stated that the enquiries regarding these men were conducted by the Japanese Military Intelligence Department which obtained assistance from S.M.S. Headquarters recently and searched Room VII and VII of the Yangtze Hotel where they admitted having recently lived.

Between 2.30a.m. and 2a.m. on the 1/2/38, whilst the guard was temporarily absent from the detention room, the two prisoners, both handcuffed, climbed out from the back-hall of the detention room, onto the dock and thence jumped into a small boat which was secured to the Floating Restaurant. From this boat they escaped onto Peking Road Jetty and into the Settlement Road.

The message was circulated immediately by teleprinter to all stations and French Police.

It should be mentioned that at 8.15a.m. on the 1/2/38 P.S. 348 Duffy reported to the station that a pair of handcuffs had been found on the footpath outside No. 178 Peking Road, whilst he was patrolling. As this pair of handcuffs appears to be Japanese make, it was shown to Mr. Yoshida who identified same as the type used by the Japanese Military Police. Further enquiries

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were made by him at his office and it was ascertained that the number on these handcuffs is the same as that of the handcuffs which the escaped prisoner, Po Hui Ming had been wearing. Careful examination revealed that no force had been applied to the handcuffs and it appeared that the prisoner had slipped his hands through the link and thus freed himself.

This handcuff will be returned to the Japanese Military Police against signature in the detained property book.

From enquiries it appears that the prisoners proceeded towards Foochow Road from the Bund and one of them succeeded in freeing his hands in the vicinity of No. 170 Foochow Road. Therefore G.D.S. 42 was instructed to make enquiries at all garages in the surrounding vicinity to check up on persons who had hired a motor at this time.

In the continuation of this report G.D.S. 42 reports having made enquiries at the Silver Road 120 Buchanan Road, Johnson Garage 222 Haining Road, East Garage No. 20 Avenue Number VII, but no information which would assist the Police in tracking the prisoners could be obtained.

No photographs available.

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